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Yesterday and today Aram, DG Foreign Ministry, has been in touch with us at Ardalan's request re Iranian press reports of secret military agreement between US and Saudi Arabia.

Press reports base themselves upon alleged article in Egyptian paper and state US is authorized use Dhahran for operation of its military forces, that US has military base in Iran, and that map accompanying article shows Persian Gulf as Arabian Gulf. US planes are said to be carrying H bombs from these bases over ME area. Translation one Iranian press report follows in separate press telegram TOUSI 215.

Aram states that Iranian officials realize there is no substance to these press reports; nevertheless they request they be denied in some way. Aram suggests that Iranian Foreign Office be authorized to inform Iranian press that it has questioned American Embassy and has been informed press reports are not based upon fact.

In discussing this question with Aram, we have said that press accounts without basis in fact but that Embassy could not authorize Iranian Foreign Office to inform Iranian press as suggested without instructions from Washington. Aram said an official comment Department might have would be helpful.

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